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EDUCATION

Degrees

- 1998 Ph. D. in History of Religions, [The Divinity School](#), The University of Chicago.
Dissertation: *A Space for Redemption: Catholic Tactics in Hindu North India* (UMI #9910915).
Committee: Wendy Doniger (director); Frank Reynolds; Francis X. Clooney, S. J. (readers).
- 1995 M. A. in Religious Studies, [The Divinity School](#), The University of Chicago.
- 1987 A. B. in Religion, *Summa cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, [Amherst College](#).

Doctoral Examinations

- 1994 *History of Religions*: History and Methods; Practice and Community Life; Hinduism;
Theology: Modern and Contemporary Christian Thought; Theological Anthropology.
- Oral Statement Paper*: “Between History and Ultra-History: [Georges Dumézil](#) and the Tripartite Ideology of the Indo-Europeans.”

Pedagogical Training

- 2018 Jesuit Pedagogy (JESU7158.01|EDUC7158.01), Boston College.

Language Training

- 2013 Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education ([ISLE](#)) Intensive Sinhala course, [University of Peradeniya](#).
- 1991 American Institute of Indian Studies ([AIIS](#)) Bengali Language Program in Calcutta.
- 1990 [University of Washington Summer Intensive Language Program](#), Bengali.
- 1985-
1986 [University of Wisconsin College Year in India](#) Hindi course, Varanasi.
[Banaras Hindu University](#) Hindi Diploma course.
- 1985 University of Wisconsin Summer Intensive Language Institute ([WSILI](#)), Hindi and Urdu.
- 1982-
1983 Choctaw Language course, Carl Albert Community College, Idabel, OK.

Language Proficiency

Fluent: Hindi.

Advanced: Bengali; [Bhojpuri](#); French; German; Urdu.

Intermediate: [Choctaw](#); Koinē Greek; Latin; Russian; Sinhala (colloquial).

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

- 2016 [Mercy Matters: Opening Yourself to the Life-Giving Gift](#) (Huntington IN: Our Sunday Visitor).
Reviewed in *National Catholic Reporter* ([Part 1](#); [Part 2](#)); *America*.
- In *Understanding Roman Catholicism: A Guide for Latter-day Saints* (John J. Widtsoe Foundation/USC Press).
Press Co-authored with Alzono L. Gaskill.

Edited Volume

- 2011 [Engaging South Asian Religions: Boundaries, Appropriations and Resistances](#) (Albany: SUNY Press).
Co-edited with Peter Gottschalk. ["Introduction" also co-authored with Peter Gottschalk].
Reviewed in *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Hindu Studies*, *Numen*.

Edited Journal Issues

- 2018 Lead Editor, "[Religious Imageries at Polish Catholic Shrines](#),"
Journal of Global Catholicism (vol. 2, issue 2).
- 2017 Lead [Editor](#), "[African Catholicism: Part Two, Retrospect and Prospect](#),"
Journal of Global Catholicism (vol.2, issue 1).
- Lead Editor, "[African Catholicism: Part One, Contemporary Issues](#),"
Journal of Global Catholicism (vol. 1, issue 2).
- 2016 Lead Editor, "[Indian Catholicism: Interventions and Imaginings](#),"
Journal of Global Catholicism (vol. 1, issue 1).

Journal Articles

- 2018 "[Do Religion and Culture Actually Exist? Reflections on Jasna Góra](#)," *Ethnologia Polona* 38 2017
(2018): 125-135.
- 2016 "[Dalit Catholic Home Shrines in a North Indian Village](#)," *The Journal of Global Catholicism*
Volume 1/Issue 1: 85-103.
- ["Mormon/Catholic Dialogue: Thinking about Ways Forward"](#),
Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought 49: 1 (Spring): 139-48.
- 2013 "Starting Point of Catholic Practical Theology," *Indian Journal of Christian Studies* [University of
Madras] 3:1 (January-June): 78-90.
- 2012 "[Hypostatic Union and the Subtle Body: An Analysis of Christian Yogic Practice](#)," *Asian Horizons*
[Dharmaram Pontifical Athenaeum, Bangalore] 6 (June): 353-363.
- 2011 "[The Faith and Rationality of Dalit Christian Experience](#)," *Asian Horizons* [Dharmaram Pontifical
Athenaeum, Bangalore] 5 (March): 24-35.

- 2010 [“Better Left Unsaid: Discernment and Representation in ‘A Virtual Village.’”](#) *Practical Matters: A Transdisciplinary Multimedia Journal of Religious Practices and Practical Theology* 3 (Spring). Co-authored with Peter Gottschalk.
- 2009 “Material Culture in an Indian ‘Virtual Village:’ More Than Hindu and Muslim,” *Journal of Material Religion* (6): 381-383. Co-authored with Peter Gottschalk.
- 2006 [“Catholicism and Scientology Do Mix: A Note on Teaching New Religions in the Catholic Classroom,”](#) *Teaching Theology and Religion* (January/February): 86-90.
- 2005 “Dalit Catholic Tactics of Marginality at a North Indian Mission,” [History of Religions](#) 44 (February): 216-251.
- [“Teaching Justice and Teaching Justly: Reflections on Teaching World Religions at a Jesuit Liberal Arts College,”](#) *Christian Higher Education* 4 (January): 1-17.
- 2004 [“Teaching Mormonism in the Catholic Classroom,”](#) *Sunstone: Mormon Experience, Scholarship, Issues and Art* (October): 26-30.
- 2003 “Veronica’s Candidacy,” *Dalit International Newsletter* 9 (June): 6-9.
- 2002 [“The Silent Body of Audrey Santo,”](#) [History of Religions](#) 42 (November): 116-142.
- 2001 “Dalit Christian Pentecostalism in a North Indian Village,” *Dalit International Newsletter* 7 (October): 7-9.
- [“Ad Experimentum: Theology, Anthropology and the Paradoxes of Indian Catholic Inculturation,”](#) *Theology and the Social Sciences*, ed. Michael Barnes (Maryknoll NY: Orbis Books), 161-180.
- “American Catholic, Indian Catholics: Reflections on Religious Identity, Ethnography and the History of Religions,” [Method & Theory in the Study of Religion](#) 13 (January): 91-97.
- 1999 [“Images of the Body in the Life and Death of a North Indian Catholic Catechist,”](#) [History of Religions](#) 39 (November): 177-201.
- 1995 “Transcendental Reduction: Karl Rahner’s Theory of Anonymous Christianity. I,” [Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Reflection](#) [Vidyajyoti Jesuit Seminary, New Delhi] 59 (October): 680-692.
- “Transcendental Reduction: Karl Rahner’s Theory of Anonymous Christianity. II,” [Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Reflection](#) 59 (November): 741-752.
- 1994 [“When Festinger Fails: Prophecy and the Watch Tower,”](#) *Religion* 24 (October): 293-308. Reprinted in *Expecting Armageddon: Essential Readings in Failed Prophecy*, ed. Jon R. Stone (New York: Routledge Press, 2000): 233-250.
- “Of Masters and Servants: Friedrich Nietzsche’s Interpretation of *The Laws of Manu*,” *The Journal of Religious Studies* [Patiala University, Punjab, India] 25 (Autumn): 123-139.
- 1993 “The Return from the Further Shore: The Theological Implications of Christian *Samnyasa*,” *Koinonia* 5 (Fall): 191-217.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2019 “Dogma and Hypothesis: Purgatory, Limbo, and Catholic Views of the Afterlife,” [*Life Beyond the Grave: Christian Interfaith Perspectives*](#), eds. Alonzo L. Gaskill and Robert L. Millet (Provo: Center for Religious Studies/Deseret Books), 1-16.
- 2015 “Materialities of Jesus in North India,” [*Sacred Matters: Material Religion in South Asian Traditions*](#), eds. Tracy Pitchman and Corinne G. Dempsey (Albany: SUNY Press), 67-88.
- 2014 “[Thinking with Nostra Aetate: From the New Pluralism to Comparative Theology](#),” *Revisiting Vatican II: 50 Years of Renewal, Vol. I: Keynote and Plenary Papers of the DVK International Conference on Vatican II, 31 January - 3 February 2013*, ed. Shaji George Kochuthara (Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications) 450-465.
- 2012 “A Special Place: Imagining Goa from the *Estadio da India* to Indian Independence,” [*Religion and Politics in a Global Society: Comparative Perspectives from the Portuguese World*](#), eds. Paul Christopher Manuel, Alynna Lyon, and Clyde Wilcox (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books), 163-184.
- 2011 “Boundaries and Appropriations in North Indian Charismatic Catholicism,” [*Engaging South Asian Religions: Boundaries, Appropriations and Resistances*](#), eds. Mathew N. Schmalz and Peter Gottschalk (Albany: SUNY Press), 85-112.
- “Christianity: Culture, Identity, and Agency,” [*A Companion to the Anthropology of India*](#), ed. Isabel Clark-Deces (London: Wiley Blackwell), 277-294.
- 2010 “The Broken Mirror: John Masih’s Journey from Isai to Dalit,” [*Margins of Faith: Dalit and Tribal Christianity in India*](#), eds. Rowena Robinson and Joseph Marianus Kujur (Delhi: Sage Publications), 185-210.
- “A Catholic Charismatic Healer at Play in North India,” [*Sacred Play: Ritual Levity and Humor in South Asian Religions*](#), eds. Selva J. Raj and Corinne G. Dempsey (Albany: SUNY Press), 185-204.
- “On Method and Narrative or How a Textualist Gave Birth to Two Ethnographers,” [*Notes from a Mandala: Essays in the History of Indian Religions in Honor of Wendy Doniger*](#), eds. Laurie Patton and David Haberman (Newark DE: University of Delaware Press), 276-294. Co-authored with Peter Gottschalk.
- 2008 “Bihar via ‘A Virtual Village,’” [*Speaking of Peasants: Essays on Indian History and Politics in Honor of Walter Hauser*](#), ed. William Pinch, (New Delhi: Manohar Publishers): 453-470. Co-authored with Peter Gottschalk.
- 2007 “Ethnography,” [*Studying Hinduism: Key Concepts and Methods*](#), ed. Sushil Mittal and Gene Thursby (London and New York: Routledge), 112-124.
- 2006 “The Indian Church: Catholicism and Indian Nationhood,” [*The Catholic Church and the Nation-State: Comparative Perspectives*](#) eds. Paul Manuel, Lawrence Reardon, and Clyde Wilcox (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press), 209-225.

“The Death of Comrade Moti: Practicing Catholic Untouchable Rage in a North Indian Village,” [Practicing Catholic: Body, Performance and Contestation in Catholic Faith](#) ed. Bruce Morrill, Jody Ziegler, and Susan Rodgers (New York: Palgrave Macmillan), 139-155.

“Performing the Miraculous in Central Massachusetts,” [Practicing Catholic: Body, Performance and Contestation in Catholic Faith](#), eds. Bruce Morrill, Jody Ziegler, and Susan Rodgers (New York: Palgrave Macmillan), 227-241. [photographs by Julia I. Schmalz]

- 2005 “Charismatic Transgressions: The Life and Work of an Indian Catholic Healer,” [Popular Christianity in India: Riting Between the Lines](#) eds. Corinne G. Dempsey and Selva J. Raj (Albany: SUNY Press), 163-187.

Essays

- 2018 “[Affliction: Mental Illness and the Silence of God](#),” *The Table* (March 19).
- 2016 “[Offense and the Dilemmas of Cross-Cultural Representation: Reflections on Footwashing and Dalit Catholics](#),” [The Journal of Global Catholicism](#) Volume 1/Essay 117-129.
- “[In Memoriam: Stephen Webb](#),” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 49: 3 (Fall): 199-210.
- 2015 “[The Abyss of Mercy](#),” *Crux* (April 10).
- “[Debating Mother Teresa](#),” *Crux* (March 4).
- “[A Pilgrimage to Madhu: A Personal Look at Sri Lanka’s Holiest Shrine](#),” *America* (Jan. 8).
- 2011 “Thinking Through and Staying With,” [Engaging South Asian Religions: Boundaries, Appropriations and Resistances](#), eds. Mathew N. Schmalz and Peter Gottschalk (Albany: SUNY Press), 233-234.
- “[Is a Rameumpton just a Rameumpton? A Freudian Approach to the Sugar Beet](#),” *Sunstone: Mormon Experience, Scholarship, Issues, and Art* (December): 42-46.
- “[In the Flesh](#),” *Commonweal: A Review of Religion, Politics, and Culture* (May 6): 30-33.
- 2009 “Journey to Vindhyachal,” *Panchis Bachor Uddapan Sarbajin Durgatsab 2010* [Silver Jubilee Durga Puja Souvenir—Bengalee Association of Greater Hartford CT] (October 22).
- 2008 “[The Saint of Worcester](#),” [The Best American Spiritual Writing 2008](#), ed. Philip Zaleski, introduction by Jimmy Carter (New York: Houghton Mifflin), 177-184.
Reprinted from *Commonweal: A Review of Religion, Politics, and Culture* (February 23, 2007): 11-14 [cover story].
- “[Tender Mercies](#),” *U. S. Catholic* (October): 37-38.
- “[A Hidden Life](#),” *Commonweal: A Review of Religion, Politics, and Culture* (October 26): 46.
- 2007 “[Meet the Mormons: From the Margin to the Mainstream](#),” *Commonweal: A Review of Religion, Politics, and Culture* (November 9): 16-19 [cover story].
- 2005 “[Is that a Moor’s Head?](#)” *Commonweal: A Review of Religion, Politics, and Culture* (July 15): 39.

2004 "Her Silence Speaks to Them," *National Catholic Reporter* 41 (December 17).

Review Essays

2008 "[A Peculiarly Orthodox Fantasy](#)," *Sunstone: Mormon Experience, Scholarship, Issues and Art* (October): 72-73.

2007 "[Just-So Therapy](#)," *Commonweal: A Review of Religion, Politics, and Culture* (March 23): 20-21.
 "Moroni Meets Nietzsche," *Sunstone: Mormon Experience, Scholarship, Issues and Art* (December): 48-49.

2004 "[A Bibliographic Essay on Hindu and Christian Dalit Religiosity](#)," *Journal of the Society for Hindu/Christian Studies* 17: 55-65.

2003 "Tradition and Transgression in the Comparative Theology of Francis Xavier Clooney, S.J.," [Religious Studies Review](#) 29 (April): 130-136.

Encyclopedia Entries

2018 "Bhutto, Benazir." In: Kassam Z.R., Greenberg Y.K., Bagli J. (eds) *Islam, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism*. [Encyclopedia of Indian Religions](#). Springer, Dordrecht.

"Bhutto, Zulfikar Ali." In: Kassam Z.R., Greenberg Y.K., Bagli J. (eds) *Islam, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism*. [Encyclopedia of Indian Religions](#). Springer, Dordrecht.

"Khan, Liaquat Ali." In: Kassam Z.R., Greenberg Y.K., Bagli J. (eds) *Islam, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism*. [Encyclopedia of Indian Religions](#). Springer, Dordrecht.

"Zia ul-Haq." In: Kassam Z.R., Greenberg Y.K., Bagli J. (eds) *Islam, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism*. [Encyclopedia of Indian Religions](#). Springer, Dordrecht.

2007 "Androgynous Myths." In: [The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume I](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 53-55.

"Asceticism." [The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume I](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 61-63.

"Celibacy," [The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume I](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 105-108.

"Devotion," [The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume I](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 153-155.

"Ecstasy," [The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume I](#) ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 175-177.

"Healing," [The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume I](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 289-292.

- “Hindu Mysticism,” [*The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume I*](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 300-302.
- “Kundalini,” [*The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume II*](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 356-358.
- “Lust,” [*The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume II*](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 386-389.
- “Mary,” [*The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume II*](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 399-401.
- “Motherhood in Christianity,” in [*The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume II*](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 421-422.
- “Pornography,” [*The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume II*](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 476-478.
- “Sex in Marriage,” [*The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume II*](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 546-548.
- “Shiva,” [*The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume II*](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 571-573.
- “Tantra,” in [*The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume II*](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 633-635.
- “Wedding Rituals,” in [*The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions: Volume II*](#), ed. Yehudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press), 651-656.
- “Homosexuality in Non-Christian Religions,” [*Introductory Dictionary of Theology and Religious Studies*](#), eds. Orlando Espin and James Nickoloff (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press): 582-584.
- “Abbé Pierre” (250 words), “Joan of Arc” (400 words) *World Book Encyclopedia* (Chicago: World Book Publications).
- 2006 “Bekkers, Wilhelmus,” [*The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume One*](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 46.
- “Chavez, César,” [*The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume One*](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 113.
- “Escrivá de Balaguer y Albá, Josemaría,” [*The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume One*](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 194-195.
- “Fu Tieshan, Michael,” [*The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume One*](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 220-221.
- “Kim Sou-hwan, Stephen,” [*The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume One*](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 301-302.

“Kung (Gong), Ignatius Pin Mei,” [The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume One](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 312-313.

“Le Play, Pierre Guillame Frédéric,” [The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume Two](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 334-335.

“Reinys, Mečislovas,” [The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume Two](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 467-468.

“Sands, Bobby,” [The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume Two](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 486.

“Tiwari, Yisu Das,” in [The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume Two](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 563.

“Upadhyay; Brahmabhandhav,” [The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume Two](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 580.

“Willebrands, Johannes Gerardus Maria” in [The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics: Volume Two](#), eds. Roy Domenico and Mark Y. Hanley (Westport CT: Greenwood Press), 596-597.

2004 “Agnivesh” (400 words), “Vinoba Bhawe” (400 words), and “Shivnayaran” (400 words) in [Holy People of the World: An Encyclopedia](#), ed. Phyllis Jester (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Press).

Book Reviews

2018 ["Review of Constructing Indian Christianities: Culture, Conversion, and Caste,"](#) *Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies*: Vol. 30, Article 21.

2013 [Review of Clemens Six, Spectacular Politics: Performative Nation-building and Religion in Modern India,](#) *Anthropos* (1): 366-367.

2012 [Review of Tariq Rahman, From Hindu to Urdu: A Social and Political History,](#) *Journal of Asian Studies* 71 (4): 1180–1181.

[Review of D. R. Nagaraj, The Flaming Feet and Other Essays,](#) *Journal of Hindu Studies* 5 (3): 304-306.

[Review of Ramnarayan S. Rawat, Reconsidering Untouchability: Chamars and Dalit History in North India,](#) *Journal of Asian Studies* 71 (3): 837-338.

[Review of Christine Everaert, Tracing the Boundaries between Hindi and Urdu: Lost and Added in Translation in 20th Century Short Stories,](#) *Journal of Asian Studies* 71(1): 289-290.

[Review of Suraubh Dube, After Conversion: Cultural Histories of Modern India,](#) *Journal of Asian Studies* 70 (4): 1183-1185.

Review of Valentina Vitali, [Hindi Action Cinema: Industries, Narratives, Bodies,](#) *Journal of Asian Studies* 70 (4): 1212-1213.

[Review of William B. Milam, Bangladesh and Pakistan: Flirting with Failure in South Asia,](#) *Journal of Asian Studies* 70 (1): 285-285.

- 2010 [Review of Badri Narayan, Fascinating Hindutva](#), *Journal of Asian Studies* 69 (2): 636-638.
 Review of Robert Frykenberg, *Christianity in India*, [Church History and Religious Culture](#) 4 (90): 726-728.
- 2006 [Review of Peggy Froerer, Religious Division and Social Conflict: The Emergence of Hindu Nationalism in Rural India](#), *Journal of Asian Studies* 68 (3): 1007-1009, 2003
 Review of Estela Mara Bensimon, Kelly Ward and Karla Sanders, *he Department Chair's Role in Developing New Faculty into Teachers and Scholars*, *Teaching Theology and Religion* 6 (July): 181-182.
 Review of John Wilcox and Irene King (ed.), *Enhancing Religious Identity: Best Practices from Catholic Institutions*, *Teaching Theology and Religion* 6 (April): 115-116.
- 2000 Review of David Lawrence, *Rediscovering God with Transcendental Argument*, *Religious Studies Review* 26 (July): 301.
- 1999 Review of Ramakrishna Puliganla, *Jnana Yoga*, *Religious Studies Review* 25 (November): 447.
 Review of Mary W. Helms, *Access to Origins*, *Religious Studies Review* 26 (January): 50-51.
- 1995 Review of Raimon Pannikar, *A Dwelling Place for Wisdom*, *Journal of Religion* 75 (April): 312-314.
- 1994 Review of Diana Eck, *Encountering God*, *The Journal of Religion* 74 (Oct. 1994): 594-596.
- 1993 Review of Timothy Miller (ed.), *When Prophets Die*, *Journal of Religion* 73 (January): 155.
- 2000 Review of Smriti Srinivas, *The Mouths of People, The Voice of God*, *Religious Studies Review* 26 (January): 116-117.
- 1993 [Review of Catherine Cornille, The Guru in Indian Catholicism](#), *Journal of Religion* 73 (April): 300-301.

Translations and Photo Essays

- 2015 [“Sri Lanka: Introduction,” “Our Lady of Madhu Shrine,” “Kudagama Shrine and Retreat Center,”](#) (www.catholicsandcultures.org).
- 2004 (interviews conducted in Hindi) “Ajay Upadhyay,” “Arjun Srivastav,” “Indra Jaswar,” “Jagannath Pandit,” “Lacchan Das,” “P. R. Yadav,” “Premnath Dubey,” “Sharda Chaurasiya,” “Srilal Chaurasiya,” “Virendra Kumar,” and the RSS Anthem for *The Virtual Village* (<http://virtualvillage.wesleyan.edu/--presently off-line for updating>).
- (interviews conducted in Urdu) “Faisal Yacqub,” “Laila Khan,” Muhammad Khan,” “Mukhtar Alam,” “Rukhsan Khan,” “Rahim Ansari,” “Syed Farhad,” “Syed Firdaus,” “Syed Tariq Sohail,” and a Na’t song in praise of The Prophet, for *A Virtual Village* (<http://virtualvillage.wesleyan.edu--presently off-line for updating>).
- 1999 (from Bengali) “Kabikumara,” [as recounted in Ksemendra’s *Bodhiattavabandanakalpalata*] for Wendy Doniger, [The Bedtrick: Tales of Sex and Masquerade](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000): 337-338.

Endowed Lectures and Plenary Presentations

- 2018 “Catholic and Protestant Resistance to Nazism,” Holocaust Symposium: In the Eye of the Storm, Boston College (April 18).

- “Locating ‘the Catholic’ in Global Catholicism,” Lived Catholicism from the Balkans to the Baltics, Pázmány Péter Katolikus Egyetem, Budapest (March 9).
- 2017 “Catholics and Cultures: Lessons Learned on Global Catholicism,” International Palaver on The Handbook of African Catholicism, Hekima University College, Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations, Nairobi, Kenya, July 29.
- “Do Religion and Culture Actually Exist?” Philippine Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Bohol, Philippines, Jan. 5 [presented in absentia].
- 2016 “Dogma and Hypothesis: Purgatory, Limbo, and Catholic Views of the Afterlife,” Beyond the Grave: Christian Interfaith Perspectives, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah (March 18).
- “Riting the Life Cycle: Academic Approaches and Conceptual Considerations,” From the Cradle to the Grave: Catholicism and Stages of Life in the Philippines, University of Santo Tomas, Manila (January 18).
- 2015 “Mormon/Catholic Dialogue: Thinking about Ways Forward,” Mormons and Catholics: From the Margins to the Mainstream, Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah (April 13).
- 2014 “Spiritual Bridges and Intellectual Byways: Reflecting on Mormon/Catholic Connections,” *Smith-Pettit Lecture*, Sunstone Symposium, University of Utah, Salt Lake City UT, (July 30).
- 2013 “The Legacy of Vatican II: From Theology of Religions to Comparative Theology,” Revisiting Vatican II: 50 Years of Renewal, Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore, India, Feb. 2. Also published in the proceedings of the conference.
- 2010 “[Understanding Mormonism](#),” *Faith Seeking Understanding Lecture Series*, Gordon College, Wenham, MA, January 25.
- 2009 “The Case of Audrey Santo: Stigmata and Sanctity in American Catholicism,” *The Henry and Grace McNulty Lecture Series on Religion in the Modern World*, Niagara University, Niagara NY, April 29.
- 2001 “Catholicism, Untouchability and Inculturation in Contemporary North India,” Smith College, Northampton MA, April 19. Sponsored by the Ada Howe Kent Fund.

Invited Lectures

- 2018 “Mercy: Surprised by Love,” Montview Presbyterian Church, Denver CO, Sept. 16.
- “An Indian Catholic Ghost Story,” Keynote address to graduating theology majors and Ph.D. students, Fordham University, May 2.
- 2017 “Sensuality, Sanctity, and Stigmata: The Case of Audrey Santo,” Politicization, Heritigization, and Sensualization in Contemporary Catholicism, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Nov. 13.
- 2015 “A Special Place: Imagining Goa from the Estado da India to Indian Independence,” Berkely Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, Oct. 15.

- 2014 “The Invisible Weight,” *Collegium: A Colloquy on Faith and the Intellectual Life*, June 21.
- 2010 Commentator and discussion leader for screening of *The Golden Compass*, *Religion and Science Fiction Lecture Series*, Wesleyan University, Middletown CT, April 5.
- 2009 “Lessons from my Indian Father: Hindu Wisdom for Everyday Life,” Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester MA, December 7.
- “A Bleeding Heart: Personal and Theological Reflections on Service and Social Justice,” The New Hampshire Institute of Politics, St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH, Oct. 21.
- “Ethnography and Catholic Identity,” Wesleyan University, Middletown CT, May 5.
- 2006 “The Aesthetics of Blood and Body in Mel Gibson’s *The Passion of the Christ*,” Wesleyan University, February 3.
- “Catholicism in a North Indian Village,” New Hampshire Institute of Politics, St. Anselm’s College, Manchester, NH, February 1.
- 2005 “The Silent Body of Audrey Santo,” Boisi Center for Religion and American Culture,” Boston College, October 11.
- “The Culture of Betel Nut in Contemporary India,” Seattle, WA. Sponsored by The University of Washington South Asia Outreach Center, May 21.
- 2004 “The Stigmata of Audrey Santo,” Wesleyan University, Middletown CT, March 25. Sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies.
- 2002 “The Charisms of Ethnography,” Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge MA, April 3.
- 2001 “Catholicism in a North Indian Village: What It’s Like and What Can We Learn from It?” Boston College, Boston MA, October 11. Sponsored by the Catholic Studies Program and *Religion and the Arts*.

Conference Papers

- 2017 “‘My Ways are not Your Ways:’ The Discourse of Sin and Success in a North Indian Catholic Charismatic Television Show,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, Nov. 19.
- “Shame, Body, and Political Mobilization,” Religion, Protest, and Social Upheaval, The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Nov. 15.
- Respondent, “When Gods Read What We Write,” Society for the Anthropology of Religion Meeting, New Orleans, May 16.
- 2016 “‘My Ways are not Your Ways:’ The Fraught Discourse of Sin and Success in a North Indian Catholic Charismatic Television Show,” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis MN (Nov. 19).
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- Selected as "Expert of the Day" by FOXNews Radio. Gave interviews discussing Vatican and CDF standards regarding cases of clerical sexual abuse for KURV AM710 McAllen TX; WKBN AM570 Youngstown OH; WTAM AM1100 Cleveland, OH; WFLA AM970 Tampa, FL; KTRH AM 740 Houston, TX (April 13).
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- Selected as "Expert of the Day" by FOXNews Radio. Gave interviews analyzing President Obama's meeting with Pope Benedict for WHAS AM830 Louisville, KY; WINK FM 96.9 Fort Myers, FL; WTVN AM610 Columbus, OH; KFAQ AM1170, Tulsa, OK. (July 13).
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Webinars

- 2017 "Mercy Matters," Presentation for the Holy Cross Spirituality Book Club, Feb. 1/ 2.
2016 "Mercy Matters: Opening Yourself to the Life-Changing Gift," Webinar for Our Sunday Visitor (June).
2015 "Pope Francis in America: Looking Back and Looking Forward," Webinar for Holy Cross Alumni (October 22).

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Teaching Positions

- 2019- Professor, Department of Religious Studies, The College of the Holy Cross
- 2005- Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, The College of the Holy Cross,
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Graduate Teaching, Mentoring, and Teaching Assistantships

- 2014 Faculty Mentor, Collegium: A Colloquy on Faith and the Intellectual Life,
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- 2012 Dissertation Committee, "Beyond Hindu and Christian: The Khrist Bhaktas,"
Kerry San Chirico, Catholic Studies Program, University of California Santa Barbara.
- 2011 Faculty Mentor, Collegium: A Colloquy on Faith and the Intellectual Life, The College of the
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- 2008 Doctoral Examination Committee for Kerry San Chirico, Catholic Studies Program,
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- 2005 Doctoral Examination Committee for Kerry San Chirico, Department of Theology, Boston
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- Faculty Mentor, Collegium: A Colloquy on Faith and the Intellectual Life, The College of the
Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.
- 1994 Teaching Assistant, Summer Humanities Program, The University of Chicago.
- Research Assistant to Professor Wendy Doniger, The Divinity School, The University of Chicago.
- 1991- Writing Tutor, The College, Little Red Schoolhouse Program, The University of Chicago.
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Study Abroad Programs Developed

The College of the Holy Cross

Bangalore: Social Justice in Context (ABRD 304)

A month long "Maymester" in residence with the Jesuit Community in Bangalore, India. The first two weeks of the program were dedicated to a study of social justice issues in India, including: Hindu religiosity, religious diversity, gender, caste, economic development, and education. During last two weeks of the program, students participated in internships at the Sumanahalli Society [a hospital for leprosy and HIV/AIDS with an attached school] and Janaastu [an NGO focusing on developing culturally appropriate technology]. The academic programming was complemented by extensive fieldtrips in Bangalore and to the Raichur District in Karnataka and Wayanad in Kerala.

Courses Developed

The College of the Holy Cross

Comparative Religions: Worldview (RELS-120-01/02); Hinduism (RELS-204-01); Comparative Catholicisms (RELS-276-01); Modern Religions Movements (RELS-277-01); Ancient and Medieval Hinduism (RELS-165-01); Modern and Contemporary Hinduism (RELS-265); Themes in Catholic Mysticism (HNRS-210); Mormonism (RELS-199-01); Religion and Violence (HNRS-299); Religion and the Erotic (HNRS-299).

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Introduction to World Religions (HU 302).

Tutorials Taught

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Globalization in India (Spring 2002); Christian Myths and Legends (Fall 2002); Gender and Sexuality in Indian Religions (Fall 2002); Modern Indian Literature (Spring 2003); Indian Cinema (Fall 2003); Theory and Method in the Academic Study of Religion (Fall 2004); Psychology and Religion (Spring 2005); Catholicism in Modern Literature (Fall 2005); Advanced Readings in the Study of Modern Religious Movements (Spring 2007); Health and Healing in South Asia (Spring 2011); Mircea Eliade (Fall 2017); Joseph Smith: Prophet (Fall 2018).

Research Projects and Honors Theses Advised

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"The Prophetic Matrix of the Davidian Movement," Galen Comerford, The College Honors Program, Class of 2019.

"Is Terrorism Justified?" Blake Basmajian, The College Honors Program, Class of 2018.

"Making Black Catholics: The Language and Politics of Evangelization," Alden Coffin, The College Honors Program, Class of 2015. (reader)

"The Tata Group and Indian Nationalism," Haley O'Brien, The College Honors Program, Class of 2013. (reader)

"Battle Lines: The Rhetoric of War in the HHS Debate," Sara Bovat, Washington Semester Thesis, Class of 2014.

"Inconspicuous Consumption," Meredith Winter, Fenwick Scholar, Class of 2011. (reader)

"Authority and Mormon Polygamy," Brian Regan, The College Honors Program, Class of 2010.

"The Dark Night at Manresa," Rebecca Krier, Fenwick Scholar, Class of 2009.

"What Would Jesus Do?" Matthew Mohorovich, The College Honors Program, Class of 2008.

"Portrayals of Islam in the Popular Media," Amanda Eleuteri, The Washington Semester Program, Class of 2008.

“India and America’s Nuclear Policy,” Megan Miller, The Washington Semester Program, Class 2008.

“Female Bonds,” Sarina Borase, The College Honors Program, Class of 2007.

“Roman Sacred Space,” Kristin Heimsath, The College Honors Program, Class of 2005 (reader)

“‘I Wanted to Live:’ Female Agency and Power within the Family in Indian Cinema,” Brian Barish, The College Honors Program, class of 2004.

Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education Program (Fall 2013)

“Globalization, Liminality, and Right-Wing Religious Mobilization: The Female Body and the Body Politic in Buddhist Nationalism,” Robin Jones, Bates College.

“Jammin’ in Jaffna: An Exploration of Carnatic Music and the Nadaswaram in Jaffna, Sri Lanka,” Maja Black, Carleton College

“Happiness and Individualism. An Examination of the Buddhist Pursuit of Happiness,” Elias Peirce, Bowdoin College.

“State of the Arts in Batticaloa: Community in the Face of Modernity,” Hanna Durham, Bard College.

“The Development of the Tourism Industry in Galle Fort and Its Effects on the Local Community,” Andrew Lau, Colby College.

“Don’t Cry Over Spilled Milk Tea: How Sri Lanka is Responding to Changes in the Global Tea Market,” Sam Powell, Carleton College.

“Universal Rights: A Report on US-Sri Lankan Relations Regarding Human Rights,” Derek Grabhorn, The College of the Holy Cross.

SERVICE

Administrative Positions

2016- [Faculty Ombudsperson](#), The College of the Holy Cross.
Present

Appointed by the Provost and trained by the International Ombudsman Association as a confidential resource for faculty concerning professional issues.

2013 Resident Faculty Director, Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education Program [[ISLE](#)], Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Directed a semester-long study abroad program, maintained by a consortium of liberal arts colleges [Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Carleton, Holy Cross, Swarthmore], for American students in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Developed curriculum and taught a seminar in Sri Lankan studies; advised, mentored and evaluated student fieldwork projects on Sri Lankan culture and society. Led academic tours throughout Sri Lanka, including previously closed northern areas [Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Northern Vavuniya], the eastern coast [Batticaloa], central highlands [Nuwara Eliya, Horton Plains], archeological sites [Anuradhapura, Polannaruwa], and the south [Kataragama, Galle]. Served as liaison with Peradeniya University, supervised student elective courses, and oversaw program staff on site in Kandy.

2007- Director, The College Honors Program, The Center for Interdisciplinary and Special
2013 Studies, The College of the Holy Cross.

Selected by the Academic Vice-President after an application process open to all senior faculty. The Honors Director is responsible for interviewing and selecting members (32 accepted from 100 applications) for the College Honors Program, an academic community composed of 100 of the College's most accomplished students. The Director is also responsible for organizing and leading colloquia for Honors students, advising student honors theses, managing a budget of \$6,000.

2004- President, Phi Beta Kappa, Pi of Massachusetts, The College of the Holy Cross.
2006

Elected by members of Pi of Massachusetts. Responsible for chairing all Phi Beta Kappa meetings and overseeing the final selection of Phi Beta Kappa members.

2002- Director, Asian Studies Concentration, The Center for Interdisciplinary and Special
2004 Studies, The College of the Holy Cross.

Elected by Asian Studies faculty members. Responsible for recruiting visiting faculty, advising Asian Studies majors and concentrators (minors), planning co-curricular events and executing an annual budget of \$9,000. Also responsible for revising the requirements for the major. Developed an Administrative Handbook for all concentration directors. The Asian Studies Concentration is part of the Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies and has 12 faculty members from departments throughout the College, 32 students as majors and concentrators (minors), and offers 50 courses.

Vice-President and Historian, Phi Beta Kappa, Pi of Massachusetts, The College of the Holy Cross.

Responsible for the initial selection of candidates for membership and for arranging the annual Phi Beta Kappa lecture.

Elected Professional Positions

2009- National Board Member, Lilly Network of Church Related Institutions.
2013

2003- Board of Directors, Society for Hindu/Christian Studies, The American Academy of Religion.
2004

Editorial Board Positions

2019- Scientific Committee, [*Ethnologia Polona*](#).
Present

2015- [*Journal of Global Catholicism*](#) (Founding Editor and Editor-in-Chief).
Present

[*Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*](#).

[*Asian Horizons: Dharmaram Journal of Theology*](#).

2004- [*Christian Higher Education*](#).
Present

Refereeing and Manuscript Evaluation

SUNY Press (5 manuscripts).

Asian Horizons (5 articles).

Christian Higher Education (3 articles).

Routledge Press (2 manuscripts; 2 proposals).

History of Religions (3 articles)

Syracuse University Press (2 manuscripts).

Journal of Asian Studies (2 articles).

Teaching Theology and Religion (2 articles).

South Asia (2 articles).

Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion (1 article).

The Indian Anthropologist (1 article).

Religions (1 article).

Standard Research Grants program of the Social Sciences and Humanities
Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) (1 Proposal).

Professional Consultation

2006 World Religions Certification Program, Excelsior University.

Committees, Panels, and Other Service

2008 Book Prize Committee, The Lilly Network of Church Related Institutions.

Elected College Positions

2008- Curriculum Committee, The College of the Holy Cross.
2010

2002- Committee on Faculty Affairs, The College of the Holy Cross.
2004

Committee on Academic Standing, The College of the Holy Cross.

1999- At Large Faculty Representative, Committee on Interdisciplinary and Special Studies,
2001 The College of the Holy Cross.

Appointed College Positions

2014- Advisory Board, Center for Teaching, The College of the Holy Cross.
2016

2006- Representative to the Lilly Network of Church Related Institutions.
2013

2011- Strategic Planning Advisory Group, The College of the Holy Cross.
2012

Committee on the Liberal Arts, The College of the Holy Cross.

2007- Committee for Nominating Watson Fellow Finalists, Office of Distinguished Grants and
2009 Fellowships, The College of the Holy Cross.

Presentations to Holy Cross Alumni, Donors, and Board of Trustees

2014 "Understanding Pope Francis," Class of 1964 Reunion (June 7).

2013 "The Election of Pope Francis: What Does It Mean for Holy Cross," Board of Trustees
Development Committee Dinner (May 2).

["The Election of Pope Francis: What Does It Mean for Global Catholicism?"](#) Holy Cross Alumni
Webcast, (March 20).

2009 "Issues in Contemporary Catholicism," Class of 1959 Reunion (June 4).

"Mardi Gras and Carnival in Historical Perspective," Holy Cross Club of Providence, RI (Feb. 24).

College Service

- 2002-2018 Faculty Advisor to INDIA/DESI (the Indian Students Association), The College of the Holy Cross.
- 2009-2011 Faculty Advisor to Cures for Kids, The College of the Holy Cross.
- 2004-2006 Co-Facilitator, Junior Faculty Teaching Colloquium, The College of the Holy Cross.
- 2000-2002 Faculty Advisor to ASIA (the Asian Students Association), The College of the Holy Cross.

Departmental Service

- 2012-2013 Chair, Search Committee for Tenure-Track Position in Religion in the Americas, Department of Religious Studies, The College of the Holy Cross.
- 2010-2012 Assessment Committee, Department of Religious Studies, The College of the Holy Cross.
- 2007-2010 Graduate Studies Advisor, Department of Religious Studies, The College of the Holy Cross.
- 2007-2008 Chair, Search Committee for Tenure-Track Position in Islam, Department of Religious Studies, The College of the Holy Cross.

HONORS

Professional Grants

- 2002 “Prophecy and Politics in the Watchtower,” The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Crawfordsville IN (\$7,000).
- 2000 “Arampur: A Virtual Indian Village on the World Wide Web,” The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (\$13,005).
- Supplemental Travel Grant for “Arampur: A Virtual Indian Village on the World Wide Web,” The Center for Asian Studies, The University of Texas at Austin (\$750).
- Supplemental Grant for “Arampur: A Virtual Indian Village on the World Wide Web,” The South Asia Outreach Center, The University of Washington (\$200).

Professional Honors and Awards

- 2011 Elected to Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit Honors Society.
- 2008 “The Saint of Worcester” selected for inclusion in *Best American Spiritual Writing 2008*.
- 2001-2002 Wabash Teaching Scholar, The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Crawfordsville IN (\$2,500).
- 2000 Faculty Fellow, The Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, St. John’s University Collegeville MN (declined).
- 1999 Faculty Fellow, “Post-Modernism and the Humanities,” A Seminar Funded by Lilly Endowment Inc, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI (\$2,500).
- 1998-2005 Edward Bennett Williams Fellow, The College of the Holy Cross.

Internal College Honors

- 2012 The Arthur J. O’Leary Award for Faculty Achievement, The College of the Holy Cross.
- 2008 Headliner Award, The College of the Holy Cross, “presented to individuals who have significantly advanced the image and reputation of the College through their contributions to national print, radio, and television media outlets.”

Internal College Grants

- 2009 “Religion and Violence,” Hewlett-Mellon Summer Grant in Ethics, The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.
- 2007 “The Conversion of Susan Atkins,” Research and Publication Award, The College of the Holy Cross.

Graduate Honors and Grants

- 1996 American Institute of Indian Studies Fellow, 1/96-4/96 (\$4000, full year award declined).

- 1994- United States Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellow (\$22,000).
1996
- 1994 Distinction for Qualifying Examinations, The University of Chicago.
- 1992- George A. Plimpton Fellow, Amherst College Alumni Award, 9/92-6/93 (honorary).
1993
- 1991 National Resource Fellow (FLAS) for Bengali language study, The University of Chicago (\$3500).
Committee on South Asian Studies Fellow, The University of Chicago, 6/91-8/91 (\$2000).
- 1990- George Stebbins Moses Fellow, Amherst College Alumni Award (\$1000).
1991
- 1990 National Resource Fellow (FLAS) for Bengali language study, The University of Washington (\$3500).
- 1989- John Woodruff Simpson Fellow, Amherst College Alumni Award (\$500).
1990
- 1989- Century Fellow, The University of Chicago (full tuition, yearly \$9000 stipend).
1993

Undergraduate Honors and Grants

- 1987- Thomas J. Watson Fellow, The Thomas J. Watson Foundation, (\$13,000).
1988
- 1987 Phi Beta Kappa, Amherst College.
Mosley Prize for Best Honors Thesis in Religious Studies, Amherst College, 5/87 (\$750).

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